



Appl. No. 10/825,504  
Appl. Dated June 26, 2006  
Reply to Office action of March 24, 2006

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/825,504  
Applicant : Volker Derflinger et al.  
Filed : April 15, 2004  
Title : WORK PIECE WITH A HARD FILM OF AlCr-CONTAINING MATERIAL, AND PROCESS FOR ITS PRODUCTION

Conf. No. : 8570  
TC/A.U. : 1775  
Examiner : Archene A. Turner

Customer No. : 000,116  
Docket No. : 35523US1

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT "B"**

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated March 24, 2006. The three-month period to respond was set to expire June 24, 2006. However, because June 24, 2006 was a Saturday, this paper is timely filed on the next-succeeding business day, Monday, June 26, 2006 as evidenced by the certificate of mailing below. Accordingly, no extension fee is believed due.

Please amend the application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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June 26, 2006

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